

HIPAC POLICY DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
5/1/2003 MEETING SUMMARY

1. Attendance: Viki Fox, Casey Fitts, M.D., Larry Fernandez, Frank Knapp, Jim Head, and Donna Novak (by phone)
2. Status from Committee on Policy Development Projects. No updates to the policy development plans.

Donna stated that she had done more research on the Third Share Plan. She offered to write up a policy plan for this policy option.

Larry gave an Arkansas plan update. Arkansas has applied for a HIFA waiver. Determined that the plan design recommended represents 90% of the benefit need (not including prescription drugs) and 75% of the benefit needs, including prescription drugs. Arkansas is still not clear on how the plan will be marketed. The insurance industry was going to market the waiver program. Looking at using agents and paying commission.

Casey stated that the Provider Counsel he is working towards creating would be a good group to review benefits and the impact of benefits to the patients.

Larry discussed Hawaii's long term care plans. It is mandatory to purchase or you pay into a state fund \$10 per month tax per person. If you purchase on your own you receive a tax credit. Cost of living increases are built in. Obviously long term care coverage for every citizen will decrease the reliance on Medicare. This program does not include part time workers.

Larry will work with Rob Tester and Mary Tyrell to get rates for the same benefit plan as Arkansas.

3. Subcommittee discussed pairing down the policy option list and providing an overview of each remaining policy option in the next HIPAC Committee on May 22, 2003. The revised policy option list is attached. All presenters will send Viki their presentation before the meeting so that she can make copies for the Committee. We will ask the Committee to consider each option and vote on whether or not we should consider going forward with our policy plan.
4. The following handouts were provided and briefly discussed:
 - District of Columbia Equal Access to Health Insurance Act of 2003
 - Creating Consensus on Coverage Choices
 - Weekly News Digest articles
5. Next meeting date is set for May 29, 2003 from 2 – 4 in the SC DOI Law Library. Next HIPAC meeting is May 22, 2 – 4 pm.